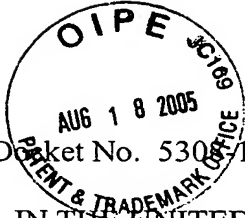


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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Sir:

Applicants provide the present Amendment to address the issues raised in the Final Official Action mailed May 18, 2005 and subsequent Advisory Action of August 5, 2005.

It is not believed that an extension of time and/or additional fee(s)-including fees for net addition of claims-are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. In the event, however, that an extension of time is necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such an extension is hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). Any additional fees believed to be due in connection with this paper may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-0220.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.